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Ships from	Number	Tonnage	No. inspected by M.O.H.	No. inspected by S.I.	No. reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease on board
Foreign Ports	239	78201	-	239	None
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Section III. ---- Character of Shipping & Trade during Year .

TABLE 'C' .

Passenger Traffic	No.of passengers INWARDS ---- 2 " " " OUTWARDS ----- 5
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS --- Coal,timber,felspar,cement. " EXPORTS --- China-clay & china-clay products to Continental Ports, U.S.A. & Canada.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive :- European Ports .

Section IV . Inland Barge Traffic.

None .

Section V.----- Water Supply.

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chlorinate water taken in at Fowey.

There are no water-boats in use in the Port.

Section VI. ---- Public health (Ships) Regulations. 1952.

No change in the arrangements previously detailed. The 'Yellow Form' usually distributed to Masters of incoming ships has been amended to suit the new Regulations.

Fowey is now a "Designated Approved Port" under the above Regulations.

Section VI. ---- Smallpox.

Cases of smallpox (or any other infectious disease) arriving on board vessels using the Port are sent to the County Isolation Hospital at Truro and the County Ambulance Service assumes responsibility for their transport.

The smallpox Consultant available is DR. J.G.Molony, of 18.Lemon Street, Truro.

Section VIII. ---- Venereal Disease.

Masters of ships on arrival are handed leaflets giving details of the nearest clinics and times of consultation.

I have been authorised by the County Venereologist to give treatment to sailors when required.

Section IX. ----- Cases of notifiable and other infectious Disease on ships.

N O N E .

Should any case of infectious disease appear among shipping frequenting the Port the County Isolation Hospital at Truro is at once informed and they provide the necessary transport for the case. Appropriate measures of disinfection and, in the case of amallpox, revaccination are carried out.

Section X. ---- Occurrence of Malaria in ships.

No such cases have come under notice during the year .

Section XII. ----- Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign ports.

The Sanitary Inspector goes through every ship soon after arrival and notes whether there are traces of an unusual number of rats. Baits and traps are laid as necessary.

Rat carcases are sent at intervals to the Pathologist at Truro. One such carcase has been sent during the year and a negative report received.

For deratting ships locally sulphur dioxide fumigation is available and the Sanitary Inspector has experience in carrying this out. The usual rat-proofing methods are carried out, but the number of land rats is infinitesimal as there are no food stores or granaries on the Jetties.

TABLE 'E'

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category	Number
Black	16
Brown	2
Species not known	-
Sent for examination	1
Infected with plague	None

TABLE 'F'

Deratting Certificates & Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during year for ships from foreign ports.

No.of Deratting Certs. issued				No.of Deratting Exemption Certs issued	TOTAL
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning		
HCN	Other fumigant				
-	-	-	-	59	59

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